(c) and (d) No proposals from any State Government including the Government of Maharashtra are pending for consideration in the Government. Proposals from the various State Governments including the Government of Maharashtra were received. After considering the proposals which had been received and after considering endemicity of child labour based on the 2001 census, the NCLP Scheme has now been expanded to cover 250 districts.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. During the Tenth Plan, the Scheme has been expanded to cover 250 districts in the country.

Expenditure on Social Security Scheme

375. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of GDP is spent on Social Security Schemes in the country;

(b) what are the Social Security Schemes in force and the target group of beneficiaries, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government intend to increase the expenditure on Social Security Schemes and thereby benefit 90 per cent of unorganised labour forces of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) As per Economic Survey 2003-04, expenditure on social services at market price as a ratio of GDP was 1.9 percent in 2003-04.

(b) There are several Social Security Scheme being run by various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and the State Governments. Some of the major schemes include Central Government Employees Pension Scheme, State Government Employees Pension Schemes, Schemes being run by Employees Provident Fund Organisation, Employees State Insurance Corporation, and Life Insurance Corporation (Jeevan Suraksha), Cess-based Central Welfare Funds, State Government Welfare funds, Swarn Jayanti Gramin Rozgar Yojana, National Social

Assistance Programme, Agricultural Workers-Central Scheme and Handloom Weavers-Thrift, Health and Group Insurance Schemes.

(c) Expenditure on Social Security Schemes is revised by the Government from time to time and outlays have been enhanced for greater coverage.

Funds available with EPF organisation

376. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government propose to meet a deficit of Rs. 927 crores, because of the increase in rate of interest from 8.5% to 9.5% on EPF;

(b) what is the total fund available with Employees Provident Fund Organisation as on 31st December, 2004 and in what sectors these funds have been invested; and

(c) what is the total revenue generated from investments made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) The matter is being examined by EPFO regarding the payment of interest at the rate of 9.5% to the members of Employees Provident Fund during 2004-05.

(b) Break-up of investments of Employees Provident Fund Organisation Funds in different securities as on 31.12.2004 is as follows:

Category	Amount (Rs. in crores)
Central Govt. Securities	19,327.28
State Govt./Govt. Guaranteed Securities	14,071.73
Special Deposit Scheme of Central Govt.	53,449.95